

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/705,707	KYOJIMA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Jalatee Worjloh	3621	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--  
 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1-4-2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7 and 9-36.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11-6-2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br/>of Biological Material</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</li> <li>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ol> |
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***Reasons for Allowance***

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of record is U.S. Patent No. 6223166 to Kay.

Kay discloses a cryptographic encoded ticket issuing and collection system for remote purchasers. The system allows remote users to purchase ticket to a future event using standard protocols of information network. The ticket, which includes a cyber code, is then generated using a public key cryptography system. Kay taken either individually or in combination with other prior art of record fails to teach or suggest preparing a booking certificate including a booking value that includes a booking condition as recited in independent claims 1 and 30, preparing verification information required for verifying a legitimacy of a booking certificate including a booking value that includes a booking condition as recited in independent claim 2, a booking certificate issuance history that extracts a booking certificate issuance history for provider regarding the product and/or the service available from the provider out of the issuance history stored in the booking certificate issuance history memory unit as recited in independent claim 5, a booking certificate issuance history that extracts a booking certificate issuance history for requester, which is a history of booking certificate issuance for the requester, out of the issuance history stored in the booking certificate issuance history memory unit as recited in independent claim 6, a verification information issuance history preparing unit that extracts a verification information issuance history for grantee, which is a verification information issuance history regarding the verification information issued to the grantee, out of the issuance history stored in the verification information issuance history memory unit as recited in independent

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claim 7, storing verification information for verifying a booking certificate including a booking value that includes a booking condition and verifying the legitimacy of the input booking certificate by using the stored verification information as recited in independent claims 20, 21 and 33.

The closest prior art of record is U.S. Patent No. 6189146 to Misra et al.

Misra et al. disclose a system and method for software licensing. Misra et al. teach an intermediate server that “acts as a go-between for the client and license server”; the client connects to the intermediate server and requests a license. The intermediate server then validates the client’s request, which includes a client ID and transmits the request to the license server. Misra et al. taken either individually or in combination with other prior art of record fails to teach or suggest receiving a first request for booking certificate, which is a request for an issuance of a booking certificate including a booking value that includes a booking condition as recited in independent claim 9, accepting a first request for booking certificate, which is a request for an issuance of a booking certificate including a booking value that includes a booking condition as recited in independent claim 10, and inputting information for identifying an intermediary to perform intermediation of a request for a booking certificate including a booking value that includes a booking condition as recited in independent claims 16,17, and 32.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

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*Conclusion*

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- "With the Greatest of E" to Collins discusses electronic tickets technology at airports.
- "More travelers are saying goodbye to paper airline tickets; electronic tickets fill the bill for some" to Tolme discusses the milestone of electronic tickets. In the article, Tolme states that approximately half of all travelers utilize electronic tickets.
- "New Ticketmaster.com Electronic Ticketing Service Will Give Online Consumers The Edge by Allowing Them to purchase, Print Out Ticketmaster Tickets at Home" to Barnes discusses the prototype of Ticketmaster's new electronic ticket service.
- Japanese Publication No. 11-250155 to Yokomura discloses an electronic business transaction device.
- Japanese Publication No. 11-225143 to Kenichirou et al. discloses an electronic ticket system.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jalatee Worjloh whose telephone number is 703-305-0057. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Thursdays 8:30 - 7:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 703-305-9768. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.


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